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Today's Topics:
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                       Shareware over packet?

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 15 Feb 91 15:45:19 CST (Fri)
From: ssi!tao!gdk@uunet.UU.NET (gdk)
Subject: please add me to the mailing list
To: packet-radio@wsmr-simtel20.army.mil

Attn: Keith Petersen.

Hello,

Would you kindly add me to the packet-radio mailing list.

Thanks.

Gary D. Kline

     ...uunet!ssi!tao!gdk

Date: 15 Feb 91 17:25:58 GMT
From: usc!wuarchive!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!know!tegra!vail@ucsd.edu   (Johnathan
Vail)
Subject: Shareware over packet?
To: packet-radio@ucsd.edu

In article <27B97A19.15785@ics.uci.edu> turner@ics.uci.edu (Clark Turner) writes:

    In article <1991Feb13.131453.4557@ni.umd.edu> louie@sayshell.umd.edu (Louis A.
Mamakos) writes:
    >In article <1991Feb13.061842.15332@ux1.cso.uiuc.edu> phil@ux1.cso.uiuc.edu
(Phil Howard KA9WGN) writes:
    >
    >>If the software so much as suggests sending money to the author... then it
    >>is business. If the software is public domain and has no hint of such a
    >>suggestion, it might not be business. If it is being distributed for the
    ...(stuff deleted)...
    >
    >The larger problem, I suspect, is that most folks don't understand what
    >"Public Domain" really means, If they wanted to ensure that their

    The point made here appears to be a "gray" area. I would clearly see the
    copyright restriction you append to software as taking the work out of the
    commercial realm - but who knows what the FCC would do, or a Federal court?

    AND, I agree that there is confusion about putting works into the public
    domain...and that your restrictive copyright notice makes an important
    statement at the very least.

There is a general lack of understanding between the difference
between shareware (and derivitives like crippleware) and public domain
as well as freely distributable "copyleft" software.

I don't see "shareware", which solicits funds and depends on its

distribution through networks for generating revenue to be anything
other than commercial. If it is transfered over amateur radio you are
using amateur radio to further their business and commercial interests.

The fact that it is done and as far as I know tolerated doesn't make
it legal.

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"Honesty without Fear" -- Kelvinator
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